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## BIRTH.

On December 28th, at Hastings, the wife of Lieut. T. Jones, Transvaal Government Agent, Chief, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

On January 5th, at Chungking, West China, JEN STEPHENS, of Shanghai, to Miss HERT.

On January 5th, at Chungking, Mrs. Tuxford to CHEUNG, only daughter of the late Frederick Knight-Gregory of Chikling.

On January 6th, at Shanghai, Dorothy Lois TRAVERS HANLEY, aged 2 years 10 months.

HEALTHY INFANTS: 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 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## POLICE COURT

Friday, January 11th.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## IGNORING THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

The master of the steam launch *Hoi Kong* was summoned by Constable Berrie of the Water Police for failing to observe the rules of the road. The constable stated that the police launch was travelling from east to west, while defendant's craft was travelling from west to east. When passing the police boat the defendant instead of porting went to starboard, thus running across the bows of the police launch.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

## FRAGILE SHIPMENT.

Detective Sergeant Grant charged a foreman coolie with attempting to ship four coolies from the Colony by fraud.

Evidence showed that defendant told the coolies how easy it was to obtain profitable employment on the Canton section of the Kowloon-Canton railway, and asked them if they would go to Canton. The coolies agreed, but instead of booking them passengers for Canton the defendant shipped them on board the *ss. Pak Sang* bound for Singapore, and they were only released by the timely arrival of Detective Grant.

His Worship found defendant guilty and sentenced him to three months' imprisonment.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MCKENNA (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## THE CHURCH QUESTION.

Sanitary Inspector Coyne proceeded against the tenants of Nos. 478, 482, 484 and 490 Queen's Road West for maintaining illegal cubicles on their premises.

Mr. D. V. Stevenson (of Messrs. Deacon, Luckner and Deacon) appeared for the defendants and said he would satisfy his Worship that the order made a week ago to remove these cubicles was bad.

His Worship—This is a rehearing, is it not?

Mr. Stevenson—It comes to that; but I would submit on the facts, as pointed out to you on December 24th, that the prosecution had not put the evidence in position to come to this Court and ask for an order. The summonses are all in the same wording and state that the offences are in contravention of section 153, sub-section A of Ordinance 1 of 1903, whereas there is no such sub-section in that Ordinance. That section was entirely repealed and another section substituted by Ordinance 23 of 1903.

His Worship—You mean to say the summonses ought to be under Ordinance 23?

Mr. Stevenson—I don't even say that. I say they are thrown back on section 230 of the Ordinance named in the summonses.

His Worship—Do you mean to say this is not in force?

Mr. Stevenson—I don't say it is not in force, but we are not summoned under that section because the section is brought in by another Ordinance.

His Worship—It is all printed in my Ordinance.

Mr. Stevenson—But that is an ordinance which has been revised and all the amending Ordinances incorporated in it; but, for some reason or other, it is still called (Ordinance 1 of 1903). Proceeding, the speaker referred his Worship to section 230 before mentioned, on which he contended they were thrown back and submitted that according to the ordinary interpretation of this section a summons must be served on the owner of a building or works.

His Worship—Yes; but how can I go into that? The difficulty you have is that your clients came up here on December 24th and all pleaded guilty. An order was made, and now the time for rehearing has expired. This is really in the nature of a rehearing, and even if the order was bad you could have asked for a rehearing within time.

Mr. Stevenson—I thought I was entitled to row.

His Worship—But then, the time's up. Mr. Stevenson—I appeared here on the day fixed for a remand, and your Worship would not hear me.

His Worship—I didn't know you wished a rehearing, but I am bound by the Magistrate's Ordinance. Eight clear days have now elapsed; but, had you asked for a rehearing before, I would have granted one straight away.

Mr. Stevenson—That is what I would have asked for if the case had been proceeded with; but, as it was remanded, I did not make my application. Continuing, Mr. Stevenson contended that the notice served should have been in conformity with the provisions of schedule B, and argued that all formalities must be completed before the Building Authority appeared before his Worship for an order.

His Worship—These people were warned by the owners of the property that the cubicles were illegal, and told not to put them up.

Mr. Stevenson—That is not sufficient warning. It must be made according to the form in the ordinance.

His Worship—Where tenants are warned by an owner, told not to put cubicles up, and go and deliberately erect them, do you think that after that a notice is required?

Mr. Stevenson—I submit it does not matter who warned these people. The cubicles were put up, and even if the Building Authority says they are illegal he cannot bring them to court, unless they are served with the proper notice.

His Worship—Your clients said they knew the cubicles were illegal, and admitted having been warned. The Sanitary Board, knowing that, did not think a notice necessary.

Mr. Stevenson—That is not a question for the Sanitary Board to consider, but the Magistrate; and even if a notice was served it should not be on the tenant but on the owner.

His Worship did not think a notice under section 153 was necessary, and could not see his way to alter the order made. He suggested, however, that the prosecution might give the defendants an opportunity of removing the cubicles before proceeding further.

## MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Friday, January 11th.

(BEFORE LIEUT. C. W. BECKWITH, R.N., (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

## REFUSING TO TAKE PASSENGERS.

Stoker J. Adams and Arthur Doury, A.B. of H.M.S. *Kent*, proceeded against Kwok Nui, licensee of passenger boat No. 3263 A, for refusing to carry passengers in contravention of regulation 2) contained in the table U in the schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.

The evidence of complainants showed that defendant refused to shore off from the Arsenal Street pier for some time after they boarded her craft. Then she proceeded very slowly, making them 25 minutes late. There was always a lot of trouble in getting these sampans to take people to their ships unless a big crowd was going off.

His Worship found the defendant guilty of disobeying the lawful commands by which she held her licence, by not going alongside at once when called, and then taking the passengers with a reasonable speed to their destination. Instead, she tried to extort more than the legal fare of five cents per passenger, thus causing loss of time and annoyance to her fares. He knew there was a considerable amount of this going on, and intended doing his best to stop it. He imposed a fine of \$7, the alternative being one month's hard labour.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## CRICKET.

A match will be played to-day "Longs" versus "Shorts". Play commences at 1.15 p.m. The following are the selected players:—

Longs: R. E. O. Bird, A. Mackenzie, Lt. H. E. Stanger-Leathes, J.M.S., W. Penke, W. A. Powell, Harry Hennek, Capt. Thompson, 2nd Midd, H. W. Woodward, R.N., G. E. Morrell, S. O. Elze and A. N. Other.

Shorts: Major H. E. Lewis, 19th Inf., Capt. Krickenbeck, 19th Inf., Hon. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, W. C. D. Turner, T. E. Pearce, C. H. Mackay, Lt. Hodgson, R.N., E. A. Fow, W. W. G. Ross, Dr. Forsyth and A. N. Oiler.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. CRAIGENOWER. On the Naval ground (by kind permission) this afternoon, at 2.15 p.m., H.K.C.C. "A" (team: H. W. Colman, R.N., E. A. Fowler, G. H. Edwards, J. Hall, J. H. Chalmers, B. F. Chapman, S. Robinson, R.N.R., S. Moore, H. H. Taylor, P. C. Kendall and A. S. Colden).

CIVIL SERVICE "A" v. KOWLOON "A". This match will be played on the Civil Service ground to-day, starting at 2.15 p.m.

The following team has been selected to represent the Civil Service—W. H. Kelly (Capt.), G. Heggarth, P. C. D. Davis, W. G. H. Chalmers, E. W. Dawson, Chawley, Bullock, A. Tucker, G. Cole, and G. C. Badcock. Reserve—E. W. Stedman.

POLICE v. PARKERS. This match will be played on the Police ground at Happy Valley to-day. The Parkers Club will be represented by—F. J. Kangra (Capt.), J. D. Noria, J. J. Vassini, D. R. Captain, B. P. Tardis, B. A. Tarpore, G. B. Battistini, J. N. Mehta, M. B. Bazzoni, J. H. Bazzoni, and C. B. Mordavalli. The following will play for the Police—Withers (Capt.), Cooper, Foley, Atlee, Parr, Orr, Gordon, Watt, Davis, Shepherd and Macay.

## FOOTBALL.

## H.K.F.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

Owing to the Services being unable to get together a representative team, the Rugby match fixed for to-day (Saturday) has had to be postponed till Friday next, January 18th.

There will be instead an Association game among members of the Hongkong Rugby Club and the Hongkong Association Club, any members wishing to play to be on the ground at 4.15; pick up on the ground.

## INTERPORT HOCKEY.

## HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB v. CANTON.

The following have been chosen to represent Hongkong against Canton on the Club ground this afternoon at 4 p.m., playing in white:—Goal, Rev. G. Searle; Backs, L. Murphy (Capt.) and J. P. McGillicray; Halves, B. L. Garrett, A. B. Ogle and W. S. Dupree; Forwards, J. Hooper, H. G. C. Bailey, R. F. C. Master, L. G. Bird and C. J. Satterthwaite.

The Canton team is composed of—Goal, R. Mansfield; Backs, G. Barry and W. G. Lay; Halves, G. Thorne, W. G. Saunders and H. J. Fairbairn; Forwards, R. King, R. O. Hatclison, E. G. Jamieson, S. Shelley and D. Tylecote (Captain).

Referee: H. de Ste Croix (Canton) and Lt. Moore, R.N. (Hongkong).

On Monday at 4 p.m. on the Military ground, the same team will be opposed to H.M.S. *Kent*. Mr. T. C. Gray will referee for the *Kent*.

Some excellent Hockey is sure to be witnessed on both occasions.

## THE HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

The one design class in this club race for the Commodore's Cup to-day, starting gun at 2.30 p.m.

The handicaps class also race for Dr. Jordan's Cup, starting gun 2.15 p.m.

The course for both classes is:—Kowloon Rocks (starboard), Meyer's East Buoy (port), Lyemcon Beacon (port), 10 miles.

To-morrow (Sunday) will be sailed the fifth club race for both classes. Course, East Rocks (starboard), Meyer's East Buoy (port), Lyemcon Beacon (port), 7.1 miles.

Starting gun handicap class 10.30 a.m. Starting gun one design class 10.45 a.m.

## CANTON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

January 9th.

## DIOUOUS POLICE PUNISHED.

It is reported that the authorities have punished about twenty of the policemen who recently attacked the employers of the Lok-Sin Theatre; nine were sentenced to receive 50 blows each and the rest to be in the stocks for fifteen days.

## KOWLOON MURDER: CHINESE REWARD OFFER D.

The Chief Superintendent of Police here has received instructions from Viceroy Chou Fu to issue a proclamation offering a reward of \$1,000 for information which may lead to the arrest of the person or persons who were concerned in the murder of Mr. J. R. Craik of the Kowloon Dock.

## BOYCOTT AFFAIRS.

It appears that Viceroy Chou Fu is determined to suppress the boycott movement before it spreads any further inland. It is Excellence has given instructions to the Nam Hoi and Poon Yu magistrates to crush the boycott with an iron hand. The following is a translation of the confidential despatch I referred to in my previous letter:

"An Imperial Edict was issued last year in forming the public that the United States Government had considerably modified the Chinese Exclusion Act and warned the people to cease boycotting American goods. At present the United States Government has requested their merchants and naval authorities to raise relief funds to assist the sufferers of the Kiang-Su famine. This is evidence that America and China are on peaceful terms. I have received information that meetings have again been convened at the Kwong Chai Hospital and speeches delivered to exhort the people to boycott American goods. I believe the people who convene these meetings are men who are desirous of creating trouble. Those who attended the meetings and listened to such speeches should give careful consideration before they act as it might lead them into serious trouble. I heard that on this occasion the chief promoter is Ma Tat Shun who had on several previous occasions disturbed the peace. For the above acts he was on one occasion imprisoned. You are requested to arrest Ma Tat Shun and to give immediate instructions to destroy all the placards and also to inform all the local newspapers that they are not to publish any articles contributed by this class of people concerning boycott affairs. If any person or persons should be discovered to have destroyed these orders I will cause them to be most severely punished."

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY: LOT TIME. I informed you in my last letter that Viceroy Chou Fu had left Canton for a long tour of inspection and at time of writing H. E. is not back yet. As the railway affair is a matter of vital importance, especially at this critical moment when the president and directors have refused to permit the deputies and the committee appointed by the Viceroy to examine the accounts, Deputy Wong Taitai reported the interview to the Provincial Treasurer and Shum Taitai (the Viceroy being absent). On the 7th instant Shum Taitai went personally with the deputies and the committee to audit the accounts. President Cheng To Chai, foreseeing trouble, pleaded illness after the first interview and has probably returned to Heping-Shan. Shum Taitai asked treasurers Lo Po Shun and Chow Lun Shun to produce all the deposit receipts of monies invested. Only seven deposit receipts of banks were produced, and before they were gone through a general disturbance started. Voices were heard from all directions urging violence. Shum Taitai, fearing that in the confusion the bank deposit receipts might be snatched away, immediately told Lo to put them away, and told him that he held him responsible should any of them be missing. Fortunately the police who were detailed to preserve the peace were in stronger force than usual. On hearing the noise they rushed into the office and averted a serious disturbance. Shum Taitai told Lo that he knew that the 200 or 300 men who were present and represented themselves as shareholders were men engaged by the directors' clique to create a disturbance, and he could see through the trick they had planned to play. On the following day (24th instant) the Provincial Treasurer and Shum Taitai sent a despatch to the Railway Company accompanied by a summons ordering Lo and Chow to appear immediately before them at the Government Railway Office under the penalty of arrest; if they refused to do so. Lo and Chow complied with the summons. They were told that in future the investigation of accounts will not be held at the railway office but at the Government Railway Office, and were requested to sign a statement that they will produce all the deposit receipts on the following day for inspection. Lo at first refused to produce more than 10 receipts, but on being told that they would not be released unless they signed a statement that all the receipts would be produced they finally did so, and were permitted to leave the court.

The Yau Chien Po (Board of Railways and Communication) at Peking—on receipt of a telegram from Chan Kong Yu and other shareholders sent the following reply by cable:—

"We have received your telegram stating that shareholders of the Yuet-Hoi Railway Company have appointed Chan Kong Yu, Yung Sai Nam, Fung King Shenn and Chu Ping Cheung to audit the accounts of the company. As these four persons were nominated by the shareholders and approved of by the Viceroy, it is the duty of those four gentry to proceed to the company's office and justly examine the accounts. They are to report to us from time to time the result of their investigations."

## THE DEPARTURE OF MR. AND MRS. ARCHIBALD LITTLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Little, who have just passed through Hongkong on the H.A.L.S. *Hohenzollern* bound for England, deserve far more notice than the average China hand can claim. Their work and position in China may be said to be in a class apart.

Mr. Archibald Little arrived in China in 1889, the year in which work on the Suez Canal was commenced, and a year prior to the first occupation of Peking by the allied British and French troops. The latter part of his education had been in Berlin, and it was to one of the early German firms in Canton that he came out as a draftsman. The British troops were at that time garrisoning the walls of the city. A year later (says the *N.C. Daily News*) Mr. Little arrived in Shanghai to find the Taipings, who had been besieging in Nanking, making their famous sortie under the Chung Wang, and devastating the province in which we live with fire and sword. Mr. Little visited Soochow, and interviewed the Chung Wang, who described himself as a Christian and spoke of the British "brotherhood." He expressed a desire even to come on to Shanghai and ally himself with the British who were then battering the Manchou Dynasty in the North. As events turned out, however, as is well known, British and French diplomacy decided that the Taipings must be put down. In the winter of 1861 there being a total cessation of business in Shanghai, Mr. Little journeyed to Cienkiang, Anhui, and Kiangsi visiting the rebel and imperialist camps and buying tea and silks. The following year he established a tea firm in Kiangling and Hankow, and one incident of his stay in those parts was that he was mobbed and knocked insensible by Hunan braves in the streets of Hankow. Returning to Shanghai in 1864 Mr. Little, who had been joined by his brother the late Mr. Robert Little, assisted in establishing the firm of Little, Little & Co. During the next sixteen years he remained in the Settlement, in whose development both he and his brother took the liveliest interest. He served on the Municipal Council in 1889.

These early services to Shanghai itself have been overshadowed, as far as Mr. Archibald Little is concerned, by his achievement in the far west. The Yangtze gorges had been passed and the rich and beautiful province of Szechwan visited by other foreigners before Mr. Little made his first visit, but as far as trading relations of any importance are concerned he can justly claim to be the pioneer in that part of China. His book "Through the Yangtze Gorges" has familiarized all the world with those magnificent and dangerous river passes. It was the outcome of a visit to Szechwan in 1883; another outcome was that in 1884 Mr. Little inaugurated a winter steamer service between Hankow and Lo hang; hitherto steamers had only run in the summer. In 1887 Mr. Little established himself in Chungking, and travelled extensively in the province, though the port was not formally opened until 1899. It was in February 1893 that, accompanied by Mrs. Little, but acting as his own captain and engineer, Mr. Little made the first steam voyage upwards through the rapids, in the launch *Leachman*. He applied for leave to form a company to improve the navigation of the rapids, by laying a toll on the traffic. This was refused, but by arrangement with the local officials, Mr. Little was enabled to open up his first mines in Szechwan. In 1899 he took the paddle-wheel steamer *Pioneer* to Chungking and made four trips with her between Chungking and Ichang, but as the Chinese Government had refused to allow the improvement of the rapids, this project had to be abandoned, as premature. Last year a London syndicate revived the proposal under the auspices of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. and is now making application for Chinese consent. The *Pioneer* was sold by Mr. Little to the British Government, which converted her into the river gunboat *Kinsha*, still patrolling the upper reaches of the Yangtze. The Chungking Trading Company has come and to prosecute successful business and from it has grown the Kiangpoh Coal and Iron Mining Co., Ltd., which, armed with what may prove to be the last concession directly granted to foreigners, is beginning to operate a small-scale and other enterprises in the west. Reference has already been made to one of Mr. Little's books. It had a sequel "Mount Omi and Beyond", which contains a record of travel on the Tibetan borders. In 1904 Mr. Little made one of his longest journeys through Yunnan and Tonking. His latest literary work has been the "Far East," a most valuable and comprehensive volume, which is very modestly described by the author as a perspective or a prospectus of the geography and history of China and her neighbouring countries. It was reviewed in our columns about a year ago.

Since her marriage in 1889 Mrs. Archibald Little has been as thoroughly interested in China as Mr. Little himself, and she has shared in most of his journeys with results that have been seen in the publication of many volumes. Already a successful novelist, Mrs. Little at first continued the form of fiction, but her most popular works have been descriptive volumes of travel. Her special gift is the power to visualize what she has seen for her readers. She is the author of a very full life of the late Li Hung-chang. It is, however, in connection with the anti-footbinding movement that Mrs. Little will be chiefly remembered in China. For ten years, in the face of much ridicule, opposition and apathy, she has been untiring in her crusade against the barbarous custom which crippled the women of China. Her achievement is of too recent date to make necessary any further record, but she has the immense satisfaction, before leaving the country, of seeing the Chinese themselves so earnestly taking up this particular reform that farther agitation on the part of foreigners is considered superfluous.

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## THE KING OF SIAM'S VISIT TO EUROPE.

N.D.L. STEAMER ENGAGED.

We are informed by Messrs. Molchers and Co., the local agents of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, that the Company's steamer *Sachsen* is expected to arrive here on an extra trip on the 2nd of February. For the home ward voyage the whole first class on this boat has been engaged by His Majesty the King of Siam, who is going to spend the summer 1907 in Europe. Although the first class is engaged the steamer will carry second class passengers as usual. The dates of the departure for the home ward voyage are fixed as follows:—*ss. Yokohama* on the 20th of March, Hongkong on the 27th of March, and Singapore on the 2nd of April. The steamer will not call at Shanghai.

## THE INTERESTS OF BRUNEI.

Sir Edward Sassoon sends the following letter to the *Standard*:

"The affairs of a small decaying native State in the Malay Peninsula may seem unimportant to the general reader. But the question has wide bearings from the point of view of the *Pax Britannica* and the avoidance of discontent among those who are under our tutelage. To put the matter very briefly, Brunei is a strip of territory forming an enclave into the domain of Sarawak. Owing to defective government the late Sultan had the mortification of seeing an impoverished treasury, a sullen and a dwindling population. Soon after his death the present Sultan, as well as the influential Ministers, petitioned the Foreign Office for fusion with Sarawak, of which it practically forms a natural and homogeneous part. Kindship of race, identity of religion, and other local features welding the two peoples together. For some reason the Foreign Office have only recently handed the affairs of Brunei to the Colonial Office. Whether owing to insufficient knowledge of the rights of the case or the official element in that department, or some legitimate pride for the integrity of his sphere of influence on the part of the British Resident of Labuan, the prayer of the petitioners has so far gone by the board.

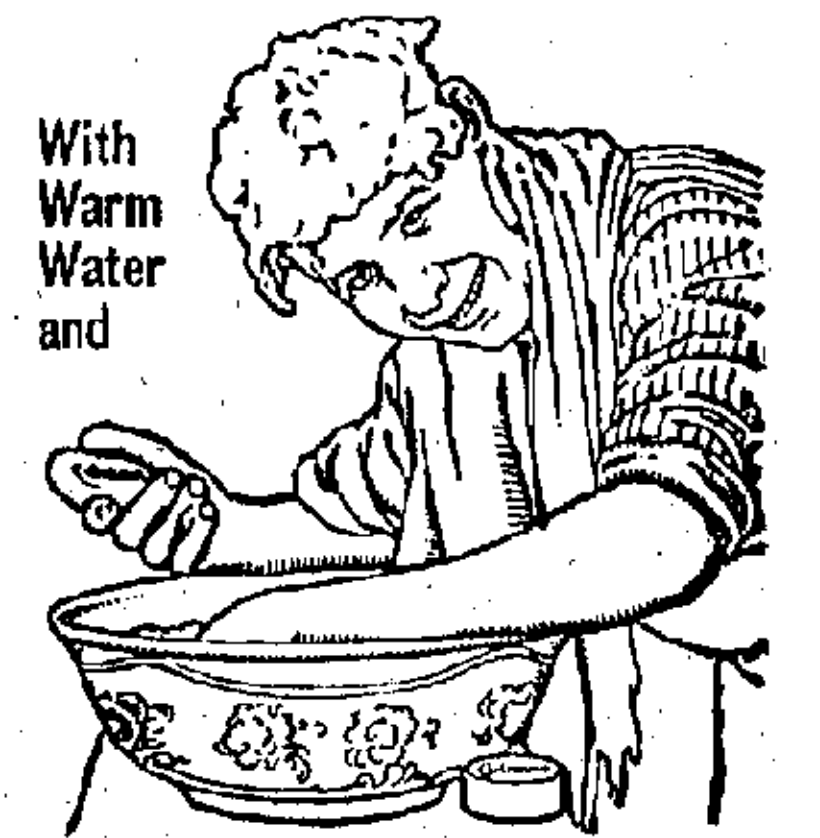
To make matters worse, an edict has now been issued placing a tax upon oil produced in Brunei from the Brookeston mine leased to his Highness the Rajah of Sarawak. Let it be remembered that this mine has been worked by his Highness for many years at a loss not far short of £100,000, the deficiency for the current year being estimated at \$80,000; that this is the sole industry in the place, affording much needed employment to the semi-starving natives and the situation of the tax may easily be fathomed. I propose asking Mr. Winston Churchill whether the Colonial Office feel no qualms of conscience at the imminent prospect of the abandonment of the mine, with the consequent misery it would in itself cause; whereas all the objects of administration for which this odious imposition is established, and perhaps perfectly true, I need not be easily attained by permitting the absorption of Brunei into the humane, civilized, and enlightened rule of Rajah Brooke. Personally, I have not, nor have I had, the remotest interest in either of these States, but I write for the benefit of the British prestige in the Straits, and I would deem it a valuable aid if you, Sir, were to exert your powerful influence in bringing out the expediency for the public guidance, supporting the advocacy of the only solution possible and practicable in the interests of all concerned."

## BIG FIRE AT SHANGHAI.

Concerning the big fire at Central Hotel Annex, Shanghai, reported in one of our recent telegrams, the *Daily News* says:—

"The block is, we understand, insured for £15,000 by the Royal Insurance Company. Naturally, the moment it was known that the building was on fire, the occupants of the building and the Hotel staff made every effort to save effects. The fire spread so quickly that it was impossible to approach the attic, and on the floor below it was a case of 'save what you can.' Fortunately there was ample time for those people who were in the building to make their escape, but there was little time to carry out goods from the upper floors. From the ground floor the share registers and official books of the Company were rescued, and the majority of the stores in the godown, which contained a quantity of plate, etc., for the new Palace Hotel, were untouched, but although immune from fire the ground floor was soon flooded when the streams were playing. In addition to now arrivals, there were several people in the Annex who are on the eve of their departure for home, in addition to many Shanghai residents, and all of these lost all their effects. There was considerable difficulty last night to find accommodation for the stranded tenants of the Hotel, but matters were finally satisfactorily arranged, and some guests being transferred to the Annex House and others being accommodated in the Hotel, while those who were Shanghai residents found a haven with friends."

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## DIPLOMA'S GEOGRAPHY.

The elimination of geography from the subject of examination for the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service is absolutely unaccountable.

Although ancient geography, says a correspondent of the *Times*, has been diligently studied in all our public schools for years past, modern geography has been notoriously neglected, with disastrous results to the country.

"At the summit after the great war we lost Java, as Lord Liverpool did not know where it was. His remark is historical. 'Java. Where is Java? Let the Dutch have it.'"

Similarly we lost Chaudogore, an important settlement on the Ganges, not far from Calcutta, which we had taken from the French, as our Minister of the day thought it was one of the West Indian Islands. We lost Maine from a similar ignorance of geography at the time of the Ashburton Treaty.

The same may be said of Dolgas Bay. Had our then Foreign Secretary, himself an Eton and Oxford man, realised its importance, he would gladly have accepted the offer of the Portuguese to waive their claim for £20,000.—*Evening News*.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 11th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen slightly over N. China, and risen a little at the Philippine Islands, except at Iloilo.

The depression noted yesterday morning appears to be moving Westwards to the S. of Iloilo. The anticyclone is still central over the continent to the North of the Yangtze.

Gradients continue rather steep, and hard monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.60 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

Formosa Channel N.E. winds, strong to a gale.

South coast of China between N.E. winds, strong.

Hongkong and Lamook strong.

South coast of China between S. winds, strong.

Hongkong and Hainan S. winds, strong.



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By Order, J. M. ATKINSON, Principal Civil Medical Officer. Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. 183

C. DE M. C. VIEIRA-RIBEIRO, Auctioneer.

FAVOURABLE with instructions, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, On MONDAY, the 14th January, 1907, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 31, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD, VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CONTAINING:—WARDROBES, SIDE-BOARDS, WASHING STANDS, OVER-MANES, BEDSTEADS, TABLES, CHAIRS, CROCKERY, COOKING STOVES and UPHOLSTERY, etc. Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—As usual. Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. 189

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Let by Public Auction, On THURSDAY, the 17th January, 1907, at 3 p.m., on the spot, The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office for execution of ROOFS, A.N.D. MATSHEIDS on the Government Ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure. Terms:—Cash. For Plans and Conditions of Sale, apply to HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. 190

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, On SATURDAY, the 19th January, 1907, at 11 a.m., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, (Corner of Lee House Street), The Revenue Schooner "FENG FEI."

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All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godown, and Notice of same sent to this Office before the 21st January, or Claims in connection therewith will not be recognised. NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Hongkong, 11th January, 1907. 192

## THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS AND CHINA OVERLAND TRADER REPORT

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## PUBLIC COMPANIES

## THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 51, Queen's Road, Central, on SATURDAY, 26th January, 1907, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1906, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 23rd January, until SATURDAY, the 26th January, 1907, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 9th January, 1907. 178

## THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 26th January, 1907, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th January, to SATURDAY, the 26th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary. Hongkong, 11th January, 1907. 181

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANON, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 1932 for One Share numbered 43, on which the Sum of \$25 has been paid up, standing in the name of JOHN C. BRENNAN, having been declared LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate is produced to the Society on or before the first day of March next, a new Certificate for the said share will be issued by the Society and the old Certificate will thereafter be held as Null and Void. By Order of the Board of Directors, W. J. SAUNDERS, Secretary. Hongkong, 4th January, 1907. 148

## NOTICES OF FIRMS

## NOTICE.

By Order of the Board of Directors I have This Day handed over the Management of the Local Branch of the DEUTSCHE ASIATISCHE BANK to Mr. F. JUNG.

H. SUTER, Manager. Hongkong, 7th January, 1907. 165

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ROBERT HUNTER BRUCE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1906. The said Mr. HUNTER BRUCE has been succeeded by Mr. WILLIAM WILSON and Mr. RICHARD NIKOLAUS ONLY Partners in our Firm from This Date. TAIT & Co. Amoy, 1st January, 1907. 133

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the HARBOUR MASTER to sell by Public Auction, On THURSDAY, the 17th January, 1907, at Noon, on Board, The Steam Launch "YUT SUM."

As she now lies in Causeway Bay:—Length over all ... 31 feet. Breadth extreme ... 13 ft. 7 in. Depth ... 7 feet. Engine ... Compound Surface Condensing. Cylinders, 9 in. by 18 in. by 12 in. Stroke. Boiler Pressure ... 125 lbs. Hull, Boiler and Engine built in Hongkong in 1900.

TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 11th January, 1907. 185

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY To be Sold. By Order of the Mortgagee, On TUESDAY, the 22nd day of January, 1907, at 3 p.m., in the afternoon, by Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer at his AUCTION ROOMS in DUNDALL STREET.

BEING all that piece or parcel of ground in the Colony of Hongkong and registered at the Land Office as SECTION B OF MARINE LOT No. 54 together with the mortgage or tenement thereon now known as No. 131, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. The said premises are held for the residue of the term of 25 years and for the further term of 99 years respectively created therein by a Crown Lease and Extension thereof respectively dated the 11th day of June, 1915, and the 2nd day of November, 1857, subject to the payment of the sum of \$21.00 being a proportion of the rent and the performance of the covenants in the said Lease and Extension reserved and contained.

For further particulars, apply to WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Vendor, or Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 10th January, 1907. 192

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, On WEDNESDAY, the 23rd January, 1907, commencing at 3 p.m., at Board 148 "RAMBLER," the following:—H.M. Surveying Vessel "RAMBLER."

Single Screw, Composite built, Copper Sheathed. Displacement ... 835 Tons. Indicated Horse Power ... 650 H.P. Extreme Length ... 163 ft. 3 in. Extreme Breadth ... 29 ft. 6 in. Built ... 1830. Engines ... Compound Surface Condensing, Horizontal, by Elder.

Propeller ... One Griffith's Gun metal. Boiler ... Three Cylindrical Direct Tubular. Laid on Safety Valves ... 60 lbs. Distilling Condenser ... Two Normandy's Single No. 10 distilling 2,688 gallons of water per 24 hours.

HULK "MIDGE." Late Twin Screw Gun Vessel, 803 tons, Composite built, Copper Sheathed. Length ... 155 ft. 0 in. Breadth ... 25 ft. 0 in. To be sold as they are in Hongkong Harbour with all Fittings, &c., on board. A list of Fittings, &c., to be sold with H.M.S. "RAMBLER" may be seen at the Office of the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard. The Admiralty will not be responsible for any errors in description of Ship, Fittings, Stores, &c.

The Vessels will be OPEN to INSPECTION for Seven days before date of Sale, between 10 a.m. and Noon and 2 and 4 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday excepted). Inspecting Orders can be obtained from the Auctioneers.

TERMS:—Cash before delivery. 25 per cent of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the Hammer, balance and the clearance to be effected within 7 days after date of Sale. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 23rd December, 1906. 112

By Order of the Mortgagee, PARTICULARS & CONDITION OF SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY Situate at Victoria, Hongkong. To be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION On FRIDAY, the 25th day of January, 1907, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at his SALES ROOM, DUNDALL STREET, by Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

The Property Comprises:—ALL that the one equal undivided moiety of one DARG CURR deceased of and in the piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being at Victoria, in the Island of Hongkong, being portion of the Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 62 known and registered in the Land Office as THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE RECLAMATION TO MARINE LOT No. 62 together with the mortgage or tenement thereon known as No. 25, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from F. X. D'ALMADA & CASTRO, Solicitor for the Vendor, or GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 9th January, 1907. 180

## TO LET

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A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st August, 1906. 192

## TO LET.

(EITHER IN WHOLE OR IN PART). THE "GROVE," having 20 Rooms, with detached Out-Houses and Kitchens, situated in Robinson Road, Kowloon. Well ventilated, with Electric Lights and Bells completed installed. Apply to—E. M. HAZELAND, 35, Queen's Road Central, or to WING-ON, Contractor, 34, D'Aguiar Street. Hongkong, 19th July, 1906. 196

## TO LET.

"GLENWOOD" CAINE ROAD, suitable for a Boarding House or Club. No. 3, CAMERON VILLAS, PEAK. No. 7, DES VOUX VILLAS, PEAK. No. 4, CONDUI ROAD. Nos. 3 & 5, ARBUTHNOT ROAD. No. 73, WYNDHAM STREET. BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Shops and Dwelling Rooms. No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Top Floor, (over Calhoun MacGregor). No. 17A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Rooms on Front Part, Top Floor, (over Aches). BELLIOS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINS ROAD.

TO LET OR FOR SALE, NEW HOUSE on Mount Kennedy, Five Rooms, on Rural Building Lot No. 117. Apply to—LINTSEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Building. Hongkong, 2nd November, 1906. 102

## TO LET ON LEASE.

FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1907. NOS. 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, HOLLYWOOD ROAD. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 SUN WAI LANE. Apply to—ARRATTON V. APCAR & CO., 45, Wyndham Street. Hongkong, 24th October, 1906. 101

## TO LET.

RAVENSHILL WEST No. 3, PARK ROAD. Apply to—DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, Hongkong, 5th December, 1906. 104

## TO BE LET.

FURNISHED. ROOM THE 2ND WEEK IN APRIL NEXT. 66 "IAN MOR" PEAK ROAD, Six Good Rooms, 3 Bath Rooms, Drying and Store Rooms, Grass Tennis Court. Moderate rental to good tenant. Apply to—HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, 18th December, 1906. 107

## TO LET.

NO. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD. Apply to—COMPTON'S DEPARTMENT, Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. 197

## TO LET.

NO. 27, SEYMORE ROAD. 4 New Houses in KENNEDY ROAD, near Wan Chai. No. 18, MACDONNELL ROAD, "TANG YUEN." No. 90 & 91 GODOWN PRAYA EAST. Apply to—SAM WANG CO., LTD., 81, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 13th November, 1906. 103

## TO LET.

FULLY FURNISHED—from April 15th. ALTEDENA, BARKER ROAD, the PEAK. Seven Rooms with ample Bath and Dry Rooms. Apply to—J. S. VAN BUREN, Care of Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1907. 138

## TO LET.

NO. 1, WEST END TERRACE, Shamoen, Canton. Apply to—HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 11th December, 1906. 193

## TO LET.

2ND FLOOR No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, GREENCROFT, GARDEN ROAD, Kowloon. Apply to—LEIGH & ORANGE, 1, Des Vaux Road. Hongkong, 1st June, 1906. 94

## TO LET.

OFFICES in KING'S BUILDING and YORK BUILDING. "BANKFURY," CONDUI ROAD. A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, GODOWNS IN PRAYA EAST. A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, CONDUI ROAD. A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE, FLATS in MORSTON TERRACE. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st March, 1906. 191

## TO LET.

2ND FLOOR No. 6, ICE HOUSE STREET, Centrally situated and within easy reach of the principal Banks and business houses. Apply on the premises to—TATA & CO. Hongkong, 24th December, 1906. 105

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2 FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES at Praya East, near East Point. Apply to—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1907. 137

## TO LET.

IN ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS Small Office on Second Floor. Apply—SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 4th January, 1907. 150

## TO LET.

ONE OFFICE ROOM on Second Floor PRINCE'S BUILDINGS. Apply to—REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO. Hongkong, 7th January, 1907. 161

## TO LET.

NOS. 1 and 3, ORMSBY VILLAS GRANTVILLE ROAD, Kowloon. Apply to—SPANISH PROCURATION. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1907. 136

## TO LET.

THE PREMISES known as No. 199, WANCHAI ROAD, now occupied by Messrs. Macdonald & Co.'s Engineering Works. Possession, 1st February, 1907. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 5th January, 1907. 155

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TO LET—(WELL FURNISHED). BIRNAM BRAE, CONDUI ROAD. EIGHT-ROOMED HOUSE—Billiard Room, with full-size Table, 3 Bath-rooms, Drying Room, Store-room and Pantry—Good Tennis Lawn, Electric Light and Bells, and a Telephone. For 6 or 9 months, from 1st April. Apply to—"G. M. B." Care of "China Mail" Office. Hongkong, 8th January, 1907. 168

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MRS. GILLANDERS "GLENWOOD," 27, CAINE ROAD. Hongkong, 20th September 1906. 1751

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## BEKANNTMACHUNG.

Die amtlichen Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlich Deutschen Konsulats Canton während des Jahres 1907 durch den "OSTASIATISCHEN LLOYD" und die "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" erfolgen. Canton, den 31. Dezember 1906. KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT. 159

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Die Bekanntmachungen aus dem diesseitigen Handelsregister, sowie andere gesetzlich vorgeschriebene Veröffentlichungen werden im Jahre 1907 durch den "OSTASIATISCHEN LLOYD" und die "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" erfolgen. Swatow, den 31. Dezember 1906. KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT. 146

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## NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTTONJEE'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road & Mr. AH YAU'S FERRY WHARF STALL Hongkong, 22nd December, 1906.

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THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED, OF COPENHAGEN. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE Steamship "KINA," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

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## JAPANESE FINANCE.

The ordinary general meeting of the British and Japanese Finance Corporation (Ltd.) was held last month, at the Cannon Street Hotel. The Hon. Sir M. McElduff, president, and, in moving the adoption of the report, said the shares issued amounted to £372,715, of which £33,715 had been called up, leaving £339,000 available, and in addition there were £4,000 ordinary shares, and £7,000 deferred of 1s. each unpaid. Liability on investments per contra in respect of calls had since been paid. Cash in London and Japan amounted to £19,268. Loans against securities were £70,000, and this amount had since been increased by a further sum of £12,000, so that the cash balance at the present time was reduced by that amount. The directors had thought it best to put the money out on interest bearing security, and this sum of £12,000 had been advanced to a firm of brokers in the City against ample security. The item of expenditure was not very large, and included the cost of his visit to Japan. He arrived there at the time when the Government were taking over the railways. Plenty of business had been offered to the board, and also to him when in that country, but it was not considered wise to entertain it at that particular time. They had an amount of £3,997 standing to their debit, but the rest of their capital was intact. So far as the future was concerned, he did not think that Japan would be able to do a great deal of business in this country for some considerable time, and things would have to change materially before the board would be ready to lend money there, as they would have done at one time. He was glad that the board had no business on hand there at the present time.

Mr. Turner said there could be no doubt that the directors had adopted the best policy. He thought it would be well if the board attended the area of their operations generally. There was a general depression in the City, and Japan was quite able to look after herself in financial matters.

The chairman, replying, said the matter had already received the attention of the board, and under their articles they had power to do business for the employment of capital in Japan, Manchuria, and elsewhere. Manchuria and Korea had lately been well looked into by their Japanese director, and the result of this would shortly receive their attention.

Mr. E. Davis seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

A resolution altering the articles of association was also carried.

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth, say in their weekly share report dated Hongkong 11th January:—Rates generally during the week have ruled firmer, and in several important cases show decided improvements. A fair business has been put through, but in most stocks it has been restricted by the demand being greater than the supply, and the market closes with an apparently upward tendency. Exchange on London, T. F. closes at 2s. 3d., and on Shanghai at 11s. 2d.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai in the early part of the week ruled somewhat erratic, and shares changed hands almost simultaneously at 82½ and 82½, the latter rate, however, being the more in evidence. Later on, the report of new loans to China and Siam gave a fillip to the market, both here and in London, and a small demand was only met by a rise in the rate to 83½, at which a few shares changed hands. The London rate has risen from 82½ to 83½, the latter being the last advice received per Reuters on the 9th inst. The market closes with further buyers and no shares obtainable under 83½.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have been done at 87½, buyers ruling the market at the close. A few small lots of China Traders have been offered during the week, but as the extended time for converting the script into Unions expired on the 31st ult., no buyers came forward, and the rate fell to a nominal one of 80. The Northern Insurances remain dull and without any local business.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong have improved their position and with unsatisfied demand at 84½ have been placed at 84½, closing with an unsatisfied demand at the latter rate. Chinas continue in demand, and small sales have been made at 83½, the market closing with further buyers.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Mow see have been doing the week at 82½, 82½, and 83½, closing with probable sellers at the latter rate. Indo-China, after receding in Shanghai to 11s. 6d. close firmer with local buyers at 88½, and at 11s. 6½, in Shanghai. China Manilas have found buyers at 82½ and 82½. Star Forries have improved to 83½ with sales, while the new issue has buyers at 84½. Douglas has declined to 83½, without business.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars are reported to have changed hands at 12½, 12½ and 12½, the market closing firmer with small buyers at 12½. Luzons remain unchanged and without business.

MINING.—Rauhs have ruled weak, and with sellers and no buyers at 89½, the rate fell to 89, at which a few shares changed hands, the market closing quiet at the latter rate. Charbonnages remain unchanged and without business.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND COASTWISE.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks continue to rule rather firmer, and in the absence of sellers to satisfy the demand at 31½, the rate improved to 31½, with buyers and small sales. Kowloon Wharves have been negotiated at the improved rate of 86, and there are a few sellers at that rate at the time of closing. New Amoy Docks have further declined to 31½ without sales. Shanghai Docks have continued weak, and on the announcement of no dividend have fallen to 102 with sellers, both locally and in Shanghai. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have improved their position considerably, and have advanced to 84½ buyers in Shanghai.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands with a small demand have further improved, and after a few small sales at 107, 108 and 109 are now enquired for at 110. Hongkong Hotels have found buyers at 8 1/2, and close steady at that rate. Humphreys have further advanced to 111, closing with buyers. Shanghai Lands are quoted in the north at 11 1/2.

COTTON MILLS.—In the Northern mills the only change to report is a drop in Loon Kung Mills to 103. Hongkong have also receded to 112½ sellers.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Campbell Moores are on offer at the reduced rate of 830, and Ropes at 81 1/2. China Providents, Dairy Farms and Electric have found buyers at last week's quotations, China Providents being still in demand at time of closing. Cements have been placed

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in fair lots at 821 and 821½, closing steady at the latter rate. China Light and Powers are enquired for at 89½, after a small sale at that rate. We have nothing further to report.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—13th January, Sunday, 1st after Epiphany. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. Responses, Festival: Venite, Turb; Psalm of the 13th morning (111); Te Deum, Woodward, Turb and Smart; Benedictus, Langdon; Hymns, 70, 78 and 192. Evensong (5.15 p.m.) (Full Choir). Responses, Festival: Psalm of the 13th evening (1); Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Maudslayi; Anthem, "Sun of My Soul"; Turner; Hymns, 160 and 31; Sufficient Amen; Voluntary, Prelude to "The Kingdom."—Elgar.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Minister:—Rev. G. H. Hickling. 11 a.m. Worship, Hymns 370, Psalm 141, Hymns 528, 10 and 227. 4 p.m. Sunday School at Union Church, in British School, Kowloon, and at Quarry Bay (8.30). 6 p.m. Worship, Hymns 12, 509, 131, 191 and 351. Wednesday 6 p.m. Service in Church. Thursday 9 p.m. Literary Club, Paper by Mr. Tarrant: "The Scientific Outlook." Friday 7.30 p.m. Ladies' Working Party. Friday 8 p.m. C. E. Society.

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road, West, First Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Venite, Cooke; Te Deum, Woodward; Benedictus, Troutbeck; Hymns, 125, 193, 187 and 325; Kyrie, Evening Prayer 6.30. Cantate, Cooke; Deus, 104; Hymns, 114, 211, 187 and 270. The Church launch, Poyning, will call on ships carrying white crews, to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6), returning afterwards. The evening service is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, etc., provided. Sunday School 10—10.45 a.m.

St. Andrew's, Kowloon.—(Robinson Road, near British School). Sunday:—Holy Communion 1st Sunday in month at noon; 2nd and 4th Sundays 8 a.m.; 3rd and 5th Sundays at 7 p.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m. Evening Prayer and sermon at 6 p.m. Children's Service (and Baptisms, if necessary) on 3rd Sundays at 3 p.m. Sunday School at 3 p.m. on remaining Sundays. Wednesday:—Shortened Evening Prayer with address at 6 p.m. (Congregational Practice of Hymns, &c., a 6.45. "Hymnal Companion" used and provided. All seats are free after the commencement of Services. Appropriated sittings are reserved up to that time only. Churchings before or after any of the services and baptisms at special times, by appointment with the chaplain. The Church is open daily until sunset, and can be used for Prayer and Meditation.

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STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
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PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 16th January
ONEISNAU	WEDNESDAY 30th January
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 13th February
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 27th February
PRINZ LUDWIG	WEDNESDAY 13th March
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 27th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 10th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 24th April
BAERN	WEDNESDAY 8th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 22nd May
SCHARNHURST	WEDNESDAY 5th June
ROON	WEDNESDAY 19th June
	3rd July

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STEAMER	SAILING DATES
MANILA	1790 tons
PRINZ WALDEMAR	3277 tons
PRINZ SIGISMUND	3302 tons
	FRIDAY, 1st Feb.
	THURSDAY, 28th Feb.
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## JAPANESE TRADE WITH NORTH CHINA.

A Shanghai correspondent writes to the Times Commercial Supplement:—

Much has been said of late as to the position of British and American traders in Manchuria and their complaints of unfair discrimination suffered at the hands of the Japanese. These alleged grievances have brought uneasiness to a large section of Anglo-Saxon opinion, which incidentally expects our allies to apply the principles of *habeas corpus* to commerce, and the result has been the display of an unusual amount of intelligent interest in the whole question by our Government and that of the United States. There have been inquiries and commissions, consular and other reports, and the end is not yet. Broadly speaking, the verdict of public opinion in regard to active discrimination against our traders would appear to be not proven, but there exists, at the same time, a very general feeling that our allies are not displaying the same liberality and vigour in keeping the door open as they showed in opening it.

How far this feeling is justifiable time will show; for the present, and until the end of the military administration next spring, we cannot expect normal trade conditions in Manchuria or the enjoyment of equal treaty rights by all comers. The Japanese Government has made it plain, however, its intention to fulfil strictly the terms of the Manchurian Agreement, and to maintain the principle of the open door; with the opening of the Manchurian treaty ports and towns, and with the establishment of Chinese Customs houses at Dairen and Antung, our merchants should then find their opportunities increased and placed on a footing of equality with those of the Japanese. It is true that under the military administration, and since the close of the war, many things have been said and done by Japanese officials and others which justified the opinion that they were using their opportunities to supplant the British or American trader, to create and establish by all possible means a demand for Japanese goods, while the field was theirs exclusively. There is a consensus of opinion to the effect that the Japanese Government has availed itself of the normal conditions at Dairen to build up trade at our expense, and to divert it from its former channels. The exclusion of our ships from Antung took from British merchants and transferred to Japanese an established silk-cocoon business, and vessels of all nations been admitted to Dairen on a footing of equality with the Chinese and Japanese trading there, the moral effect would have been a more value to Japan than any increase in her exports to Manchuria. At the same time, the fact should be recognized that commerce is neither altruistic nor chivalrous, and so long as Japan sets within her rights under the agreement she is entitled to confidence in regard to the future position of the Manchurian Peninsula. That she will control this administration by virtue of her predominant position and by military protection of the railway is certain, and it would appear almost equally certain that China will continue apathetically to accept the situation, and to demonstrate her faith in the Japanese by refusing to legalize what she considers acts of aggression and by neglecting necessary reforms.

## TRADE THROUGH TIEN-TSIN AND NIU-CHANG.

Pending completion of the reports on trade for the current year, which should afford interesting reading, I have been able to obtain certain figures to the end of August, taken from the Customs records at Tien-tsin and Niu-chang, which illustrate the effect of Japanese competition on British and American trade, and that of free imports at Dairen on the Chinese revenue. In giving these figures, it should be realized that owing to the system of recording duties by the Customs, the returns for the second half of the year include a larger proportion of the total trade than the first six months.

First, let us take the shipping returns. It was after the Boxer rising, in 1901, that Japan's direct trade with Tien-tsin and the North of China first showed signs of the remarkable development which it is now attaining, but her intention to enter the field was clearly indicated after her successful war with China in 1894. In order to amplify the shipping returns, a statement of the duties paid under the Japanese flag for the same period (1897-1906) is given. The totals for the first eight months of this year are remarkable, showing the vitality which Japan has developed since the war and the results of the increase in strength of her mercantile marine. During that period Japanese vessels of 210,011 tons have entered Tien-tsin as compared with 162,558 tons in the 12 months of any previous year.

Turning to the chief imports in which Japanese merchants have of recent years entered into successful competition with the old-established British and American traders, the following tables show the returns of trade, under the three flags, for 1904, 1905, and the first six months of 1906, at Tien-tsin and Niu-chang respectively:—

Imports at Tien-tsin.

	1904.	1905.	First six months 1906.
Shirts...	23,819	63,045	4,291
Shoes...	68,149	2,171,363	61,614
Drills...	29,219	716,028	127,740
Value...	158,675	631,225	79,931
British...	68,521	1,419,142	473,429
Shirts...	35,981	63,723	29,313
Shoes...	31,483	76,581	2,647
T-Cloths...	74,786	147,129	89,638
Yarn (Woolen & Silk)...	97,855	158,752	52,773
Japanese...	700	2,649	20
Shirts...	16,149	208,456	92,615
Shoes...	114,501	89,267	18,475
T-Cloths...	31,639	45,214	10,349
Cotton Fkts...	3,678	6,584	4,257
Hosiery...	2,014	2,014	1,298
Towels...	113,299	163,787	118,278
Yarn...	50,121	11,684	37,956
Value...	47,455	411,532	253,287

Imports at Niu-chang.

	1904.	1905.	First six months 1906.
Shirts...	86,675	8,900	29,875
Shoes...	1,149,429	2,552,165	115,982
Drills...	442,291	974,557	19,830
British...	131,943	224,241	156,033
Shirts...	9,064	1,115	1,250
Shoes...	7,873	2,115	30
T-Cloths...	28	1,574	1,460
Yarn (Woolen & Silk)...	123,527	117,894	31,149
Japanese...	1,500	8,600	1,801
Shirts...	2,559	90	2,540
Shoes...	3,049	11,963	1,941
Drills...	3,840	5,500	—
Yarn...	32,763	51,190	3,321
Value...	217,978	146,100	—

## DALNY VERSUS NIU-CHANG.

From the above Niu-chang returns, it is, I think, conclusively shown that, since the restoration of peace and the establishment of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha line between Osaka and Dalny, the free entry of goods at that port has not only seriously injured the Chinese revenue at Niu-chang, but has dislocated the established trade in British and American goods to a very considerable extent. It was inevitable that under the circumstances Japanese policy should have been subjected to criticism, especially since an outspoken section of the Japanese Press urged its merchants to make use of the temporary opportunities created by the military administration to establish themselves firmly in the Manchurian markets. The Times Correspondent at Tokyo, in an article intended to remove apprehension in regard to the Imperial Government's policy, admits that the ship of the Japanese trading line "may possibly have carried some merchandise destined for points beyond the leased territory," but he regards the advantage thus obtained as an "inevitable and a essentially temporary feature of the situation." How much these steamers have carried for the Japanese-Manchurian trade through Dalny we may infer from the enormous decline in the Niu-chang figures, to what extent artificial and assisted conditions are enabling that trade to gain a footing need not be discussed here; the point on which our traders seek reassurance is that the temporary shall not drift into the permanent, and that, by the establishment of the regular Chinese Customs house system, they should again enjoy of the right of equal opportunity and the open door. If they have shown anxiety on this score, the utterances of responsible Japanese merchants and writers have afforded them some justification—in one instance, that of the Imperial Government's tolerance monopoly competition with the Anglo-American trade, the methods adopted have been of a particularly disquieting character.

THE JAPANESE EXPANSION AT TIEN-TSIN.

The Tien-tsin trade figures are interesting, showing the strides recently made by certain classes of Japanese merchandise. In the last published decennial report (1902) attention was drawn to this new feature of the Chinese trade. After referring to the successful competition of their shawls and T-shirts, the Tien-tsin Commission added:—

Besides the Japanese T-shirts and shawls included in the table the island Empire has been sending a steadily increasing quantity of the smaller articles, such as towels and handkerchiefs and Japanese cloth and crapes. Her entrance into the piece-goods market and the increase in her sales have been entirely at the expense of the price of her products, their quality is in no way comparable with that of the English and the American goods; and her ability to make further gains will rest upon the advantages of her proximity to the market and her plentiful supply of cheap labour.

The timber trade is another noticeable feature of expansion due to the opportunities now afforded to Japanese activity in Korea and to the advantages conferred by an increased mercantile marine already during the present year 63 Japanese steamers have discharged cargoes of building, railway, and mining timber at Tien-tsin, and the demand is practically unlimited. In this instance Japan can confidently and legitimately expect to obtain a monopoly of the market.

If we sum up the situation in the light afforded by the above figures, it may safely be said that, while our traders have no good ground for claiming normal trade conditions in a country under temporary military administration, they are fully justified in pointing to the injury which discrimination inflicts and in doing every thing in their power to bring about the early restoration of equal opportunities and the open door, which were essential aims of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

## THE AWAKENING OF CHINA.

Commercial Intelligence says:—

It is now nearly thirty years as an article headed "The Awakening of China," written by the late Marquis Tseng, then Chinese Minister to the United Kingdom, appeared in an English periodical, but more than an article was needed to convince foreign residents in China that change had taken place. The Marquis's (the late) Mr. Alex. Hosie, the Acting Commercial Attaché in China, tells us in an admirable and interesting report recently published by the Foreign Office that the old lethargy is going, and that China has begun to awake to some of her needs—which are many. China could always boast an ancient system of education, but the pressure of the time is making it plain that something more than education on the old lines is necessary. Gone is the old examination system, and to-day throughout the length and breadth of the Empire there are colleges and schools where Western knowledge can be acquired. Mr. Hosie tells us that the thirst for foreign knowledge has led to the adoption of foreign things and foreign ways. The smallest schoolboy in Peking wears a foreign peaked cap. In some parts of China students have adopted khaki suits. The foreign brougham carries the Chinese Minister to his office. Active Chinese, carrying-kodaks, are to be seen riding their bicycles, while a Chinese policeman, in uniform, stands in the roadway to regulate the traffic. Not only so, but Mr. Hosie explains that round the corner a fine steam-roller may be seen crushing the metal in the ground, while beyond stands a galvanised iron shed containing a modern fire engine.

The importance of this to British industry cannot be overestimated, for these are signs of the times and we are reminded that in addition to cotton mills and flour mills, other industrial enterprises entirely in Chinese hands are springing up, and Mr. Hosie's timely report should serve to warn the manufacturer and merchant to be on the alert to take advantage of the weakening of China so long predicted and at length become a reality.

In every part of China there are lessons to be learnt and utilised by the manufacturer and merchant. For instance, on arrival in Peking, Mr. Hosie visited the Industrial Institute, where carpets and rugs, foreign furniture, machines, cigarettes, and cloisonne, or enamel copper and silver ware, are all manufactured. In the cloisonne factory the first thing that attracted Mr. Hosie's attention was a boy hammering on an anvil a length of copper wire into a flat band to be afterwards cut up in short lengths and shaped into figures to be affixed to the sides of the vases and other ware, and to contain the enamel. An examination of the bands showed the necessarily crude workmanship; they were of uneven width and thickness. A perfectly uniform article could surely be supplied by any foreign factory, and from such instances Mr. Hosie makes the deduction that it would well repay the manufacturer to send an agent to China to study her industries and see where he could supply better material. We heartily recommend any of our readers who have business relations with China, and not only those but all who take an intelligent interest in that wonderful ancient civilization, to obtain a copy of Mr. Hosie's really excellent report and read its 150 pages of instructive and brightly written matter for themselves.

## PRIMA DONNA'S ROMANCE.

BLIND MILLIONAIRE'S LOVE FOR THE SINGER.

A romance of the deepest pathos and human interest lies behind the statement made yesterday that Mme. Calvé, the famous prima donna, is to be married to a blind man.

Although Mme. Calvé has not made up her mind to be married, and cannot yet even be said to be engaged, the attachment between her and her blind lover is a touching story, of which the *Express* is able to-day to give a complete detail.

Mme. Calvé's admirer is an Englishman by birth who went over to America and acquired an immense fortune, which now amounts to at least £5,000,000.

His love for the famous prima donna dates from the day when, in full possession of his eyesight, he saw her perform in the romantic opera "Carmen" while touring the United States. Her wonderful personality and the clarity of her voice and acting deeply impressed him at the time.

Shortly afterwards the tragedy occurred which led to the loss of the millionaire's eyesight. While visiting one of his gold mines in Alaska in company with the chief engineer, a blasting charge exploded prematurely, and blinded both the millionaire and the engineer. For three weeks the millionaire was kept in a dark room in the mining camp with his eyes bandaged in the hope that his sight might be restored.

He had not been told of the dreadful probability that his sight was permanently gone when all hope of its being restored had vanished. The bandages were removed.

"Turn on the lights," he said; "I am all right now." But the lights were on, the sun was shining brightly on the camp, and he had to behold the terrible truth.

"Then came back to him with renewed fervour his admiration for the great Calvé, when he had seen just before leaving for Alaska. His whole mind became absorbed in the one object of marrying her, and winning her love.

The opportunity came during Mme. Calvé's tour in America this year. She was travelling from Vancouver to San Francisco via Seattle, and the blind millionaire contrived to have a special saloon attached to the train in which she was making her journey.

While on the train he obtained an introduction, met Mme. Calvé frequently during the journey, and obtained a promise that when next in France he might visit her.

Mme. Calvé had almost forgotten the episode, when last September the millionaire drove up in a motor-car to her chateau at Calvé's. There, during a short visit, he was extremely hospitable, and on this occasion broached the subject of marriage.

Mme. Calvé declared that she could not possibly promise to marry him unless she had six months to think it over.

This period ends in March, but on the 25th of this month Mme. Calvé will accompany the millionaire, his sister, his two aunts, and his chaplain on a sailing tour to Egypt.

Mme. Calvé is deeply touched by the tragedy of this blind man who is devoting his life to win her love, and by the end of the voyage she will have made up her mind whether she can honestly say that she loves him sufficiently to marry him.

The millionaire, on his part, only makes one stipulation. If he is to marry Mme. Calvé he must be permitted to stage an opera. He will not object to her singing at charity concerts, and he undertakes to build her a theatre in Paris of which she may be manageress and where she may bring out young and promising artists.

The millionaire is a man of great piety, and is accompanied everywhere by his special chaplain.

He has showered presents of diamonds on Mme. Calvé, and even offered her his immensely valuable family jewels which, however, the great prima donna refused.

Mme. Calvé is perfectly frank about the romantic attachment. "I care nothing for his millions," she said to one of her friends, "I have plenty of money of my own. I will not marry him unless I am certain I can give him my love."

## AN ADVENTRESS.

If Mme. Guerin, the heroine of the Boileau-Rostand mystery, gives any further version of the motive which actuated her criminal attack upon the Lyon medical man, Dr. Robert, she will require an extraordinarily good memory to remember the different stories she has told the police. I have many a time heard forgers express their admiration of the cleverness of Frenchwomen, and I am bound to admit that at times they show gifts of no mean order. Mme. Guerin is no ordinary woman, and in more than one way she recalls the famous Mme. Humbert. Like the lady who engineered "the great swindle of the century," Mme. Guerin is of more than comely proportions; she has the same robustly, the same gift of much talking, to say nothing, and the same trick of long explanations, which only serve to mystify some of her statements are most disconcerting. Could anything be more incredible, for instance, than her revelations regarding the manner in which she escaped serving her full sentence when she was condemned to three years' imprisonment in 1892 for swindling and bigamy and several other charges? She was asked why she only served part of her sentence. "I'll tell you," she said, after some hesitation. "The governor of the prison at Clermont became very fond of me. He authorized me to rummage among a lot of old books which the prison library contained, and in one of them I found a method which had long gone out of use for preserving milk. I thought I saw my way to make a fortune, and I consulted the governor. He shared my views, pleaded with me to a low him to manage the business, and—"

"And what?" asked the examining magistrates.

"And we left together to work the scheme."

"What? You went off with the governor of the prison?"

"Oh, monsieur," sighed Mme. Guerin, with a world of wit in her voice.

How like Mme. Humbert at her best also is that gone where Mme. Guerin, after being under cross-examination for two hours, heard the proceedings till next day. Everyone—magistrate, barristers, clerks, gendarmes—was exhausted and weary, but Mme. Guerin could have gone a much longer.

She was never at a loss for an answer, and when she was told that she could neither the looked at the magistrate with a winning smile. Then, as she adjusted her hat, put on her gloves, she said to him: "Monsieur Maguin-Boquet, listen to me. You are a bachelor, or are wrong not to be. I shall go out of here with my honours intact, and if you are nice with me I will find you a wife—a charming girl whom I know with a dot of £20,000, and I'll waive my commission."

Everyone, from the magistrate down to the ushers, gave way to irrepressible laughter, but Mme. Guerin left the Court with a calm, unruffled countenance, as one who should say: "What are these people laughing at?"

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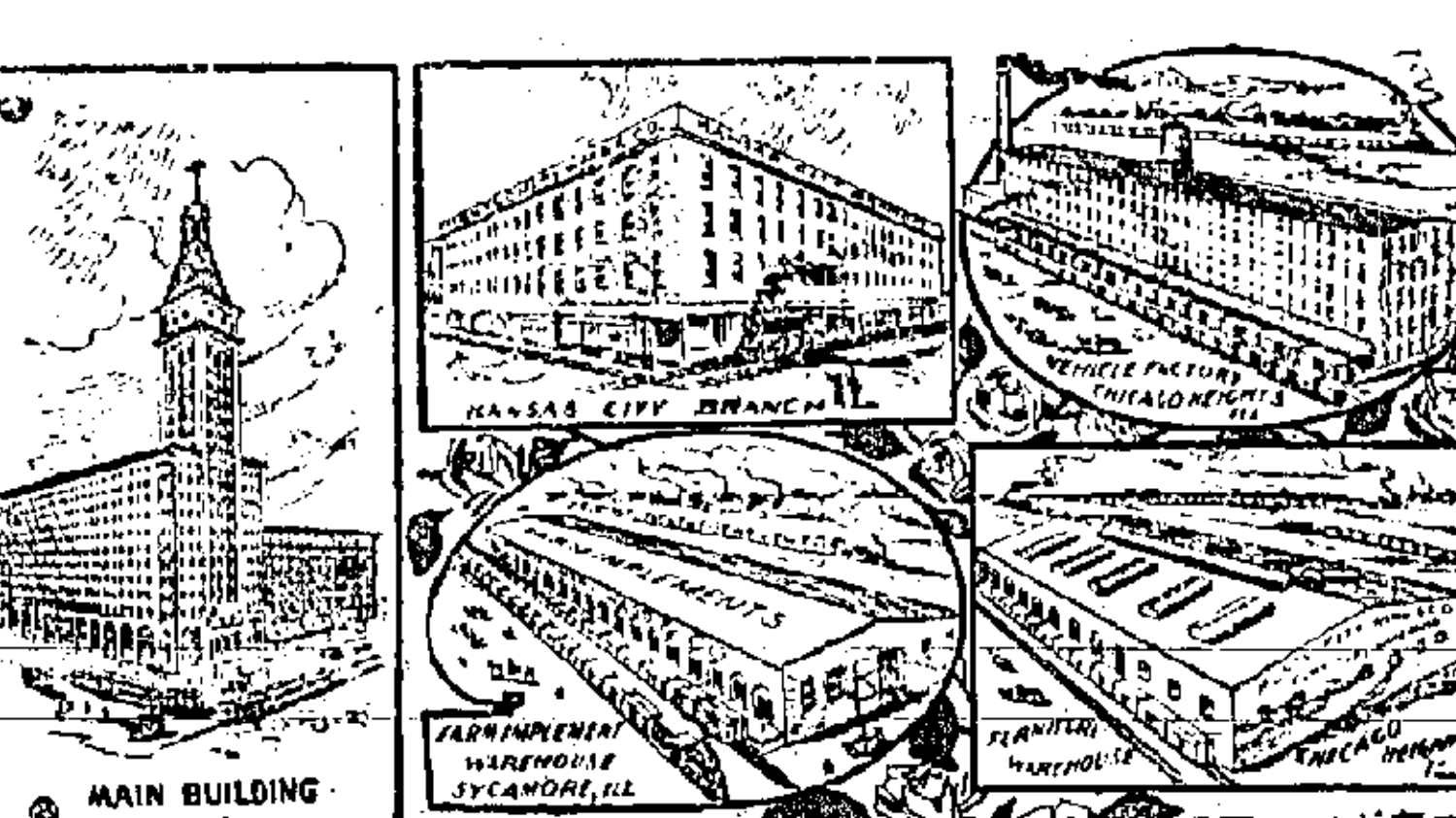
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